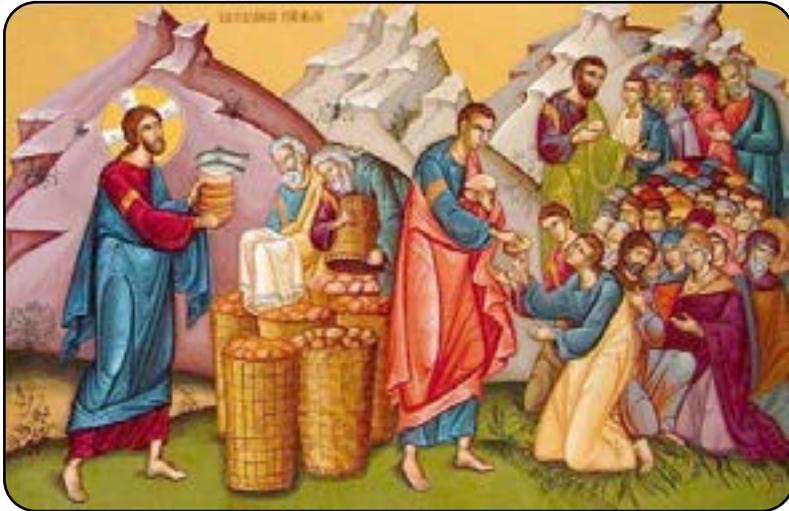


SUNDAY WORSHIP

AUGUST 2, 2020



"Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds."

Matthew 14:19

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

All regularly scheduled Sunday programs have been suspended until further notice.

Worship Service:

10:30 a.m. - in the Sanctuary &
Livestream on YouTube
Children's Sunday School

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

WNL! programming will return when it is safe to do so. Updates will be provided as they happen.

A community meal will still be served for those who need one. Meals can be picked up in the Northwest entrance of the building.

ASL Interpreted Service

The Peoples Church is proud to welcome ASL interpreters for our 10:30 a.m. worship service and for special events.



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COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Elders meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Robertson Room.

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ALL ARE WELCOME!

Whether you are young or old, rich or poor, doubtful or hopeful...no matter where you are in your faith journey, YOU are welcome here. For those with children, be assured that noises and wiggling are signs of a church that is alive and growing; your entire family is welcome in worship.



During this time of social distancing, The Peoples Church Staff are still here for you!

While we may not be physically in the office, we are still available via email or phone for any questions or concerns you may have. Please don't hesitate to reach out to one of us!

MAKE A GIFT ONLINE!

[CLICK HERE!](#)

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Prelude

"Fantasy in C Major"
Judy Kabodian, organ

J.S. Bach

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Drew Filkins

Worship is both personal and communal, formal and informal, intimate and casual. Here at The Peoples Church, we recognize that people come to worship God in both joy and pain, faith and doubt, with laughter and with tears. Our worship tries to reflect a desire both for meditation and celebration. Please know you are invited to participate in any and all ways you feel led. Our songs, prayers, words and actions are the works of imperfect people trying to worship a perfect God.

Call to Worship

One: Only the hungry search for bread. Only the thirsty look for water.

All: This is a place for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.

One: Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it. Only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.

All: This is a place for those who ache and yearn for something more.

One: So let us come here today with our hunger and thirst, our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings,

All: and let the God of life satisfy our souls.

Gathering Hymn

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (verses 1 and 2)

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and the cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Text: William Williams (1762); stanza 1, trans. Peter Williams (1771); stanzas 2-3, trans. William Williams (1772)

Music: John Hughes (1907)

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Prayer of Confession

You have given us a world of beauty, and we have spoilt it. A world to feed us, and so many go hungry. A world of riches, and we are unwilling to share. A world to care for, and we think only of ourselves.

Forgive us, gracious God, for those times your heart is saddened by our selfishness; for those times we have no thought for others, no cares but ours. Enable us to see this world anew as a gift from you, to be shared and nurtured, and those who live upon it to be loved and cared for. Amen.

Moment of Silence and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response "Spirit of the Living God"

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Communion

Children's Moment

Haley Hansen

Solo

"A Simple Song"

Leonard Bernstein

Gillian Riesen, mezzo-soprano

A Reading from Scripture Matthew 14:13-21

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. 15 When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." 16 Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." 17 They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." 18 And he said, "Bring them here to me." 19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Sermon

"Daddy, I Am Getting Hangry!"

Rev. Drew Filkins

Hymn of Response

"Lord, When I Came Into This Life" (verses 1, 2 and 4)

Lord, when I came into this life you called me by my name; today I come, commit myself, responding to your claim.

Within the circle of the faith, as member of your cast, I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.

So help me in my unbelief and let my life be true: feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on you.

Lord, When I Came Into This Life

Text: Fred Kaan (1976)

Music: American Folk Melody; harm. Charles H. Webb (1988)

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Celebration of Confirmation

Kailyn Guthaus • Cooper Mellor • Luke Nuñez • Haley Phillips

Denali Pomerville • Carmen Robles • Nora Robles

Statement of Faith

We believe the teachings of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and with the help of God, we will strive daily to live the life of purity, unselfishness and service which He exemplified to the world.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Haley Hansen

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Give

Offertory

[Click here to give your offering to our virtual Offertory Plate](#)

Act of Praise

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Merciful God, the gifts we bring are so small in comparison to the vast needs in our world—nowhere near enough to fix the world on our own, yet we have brought what we can. As You once multiplied the five small loaves and two fish, multiply these gifts as well, so that, once again, the hungry may receive all they need, and more. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Break Thou the Bread of Life" (verses 1 and 2)

Break thou bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea. Beyond the sacred page I see thee, Lord. My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now unto me, as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee. Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall. And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

Break Thou the Bread of Life
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Benediction

Benediction Response

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

Postlude

"Carillon for a Joyful Day"

George F. McKay

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHANGE IN WORSHIP TIMES

It has been decided to put our 8:30 a.m. worship service on pause for now. We will continue to hold an in-person worship service at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary as well as livestream our service at the same time. We look forward to seeing you, whether in person or virtually, each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.!

UNDIE SUNDAYS HAVE RETURNED!

Community Engagement is again collecting NEW underwear and socks for school aged children (K-12). Collected items will go to the Love Clothing Closet at Judson Memorial Baptist Church. Please bring in your donations to the church and place in the red collection basket (located outside the church office at the Northeast entrance). Donations will be accepted until August 17.



INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH?

If you are interested in becoming a member of The Peoples Church, or simply want to know more about this remarkable community, please email Robin Matheson at matheso4@msu.edu to learn more about our amazing community of faith!

VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP*

Join us, virtually each Sunday, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service for fellowship. It's easy! Grab a cup of your favorite coffee and a sweet snack and log on to Zoom. You can join the meeting by clicking on the link below:

[Join Zoom Meeting](#), or in your Zoom app enter Meeting ID: 837 9739 7682 and when asked for a password enter: Peoples

Don't have access to internet? No problem! You can still join us from ANY phone! Dial 1-312-626-6799 and when prompted for a meeting ID enter 837 9739 7682# and the password is 50803#.

* Please note: For those who are with us in person for worship, there will not be a fellowship until further notice. Virtual fellowship will continue for those at home.

VIRTUAL GROUPS

SERMON PREVIEW GROUP: meets each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. To join, [click here](#); Meeting ID: 832 3099 0430. You can also dial 1.929.205.6099 and when prompted enter 832 3099 0430.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE: meets each Monday at 11:00 a.m. To join the meeting, [click here](#). Or, on your Zoom app enter meeting ID: 369 714 134. You can also dial 1.312.626.6799 and when prompted enter 369 714 134#.

TUESDAY MORNING MENS GROUP: meets each Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. To join, [click here](#). The meeting ID is: 963 085 991. You can also dial 1.646.558.8656 and when prompted enter the meeting code 963 085 991. They are studying the book, *White Fragility*, by Robin Diangelo.

WELCOME BACK!

We are glad to have you with us in person to worship together once again!

Rest assured we are doing our part to provide a safer environment for worship. We ask that you do your part and screen yourself for potential COVID-19 symptoms prior to coming to the church building. **DO NOT** come if you are feeling unwell, are experiencing any symptoms of illness, or if you have come into contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

While here, please wear a mask, practice social distancing and follow the safety measures that we have put in place for the safety of everyone.



WAYS TO GIVE

There are many ways to provide financial support for the ministry and mission of The Peoples Church. Please consider giving in one of the following ways:



1. You can make a contribution by mailing a check or cash to the church at this address: 200 W.Grand River Ave., East Lansing, MI 48823.
2. We are also able to accept stock gifts or funds from a tax deferred account for your Required Minimum Distribution.
3. If you prefer to use your smartphone, you can make a gift by sending a text to 73256 and including the word **Peoples** in the message line. You will be sent a link that will take you to our GIVE website. Just enter the amount and your account information. Be sure to tell us which fund you are donating to (most people give to the general fund).
4. If you have set up your REALM account with The Peoples Church, you can make a one-time gift or recurring gift by logging onto your REALM account and following the prompts on the screen.
5. If you have questions or need help, just call the church and speak directly to our Office Administrator, Dee Przybylski. She can set up a single gift or recurring gift using a credit, debit card or checking account information. She'll need the amount of the gift and how you would like the gift applied.



Update: Stephen Ministry Training

Stephen Ministry is a lay ministry that provides Christian caregiving to church members going through difficult times. Despite the limitations that COVID-19 has placed on meeting together, it still looks like we could have a group of Stephen Ministers trained at the church by the end of this fall. By attending a series of 20 zoom sessions of an hour each and reading pages and pages of leadership training materials, Aram Kabodian plans to be trained as a Stephen Leader by the end of August. The first group of Stephen Ministers would begin training (probably a hybrid of face-to-face and zoom meetings) in October. By God's grace and your prayers, we hope to have the program in place by mid-winter.

For more information, go to stephenministries.org; also, if you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, call the church office or email Aram at: akabodian@gmail.com.